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FOR BIODEGRADABLE MICROSPHERES AS CARRIERS OF
BIOACTIVE SUBSTANCES
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a 44-page patent specification including 36 claims and an abstract. In addition, we have also included six drawings on six sheets. The specification and drawings constitute the application of Timothy W. King and Charles W. Patrick, Jr. for the above-entitled invention.

Please note that this application is filed without an inventors' Declaration and Assignment, a Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status, a Power of Attorney, and filing fees. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (d), the Applicant requests the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, the Applicant requests that the NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS-FILING DATE

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